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**County**

Champaign

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Region 5

**Which of the following best describes current conditions in this county?**

Mildly Wet (soil is wetter than normal, local vegetation is healthy)

**Quick synopsis of conditions that will appear in the main feed**

Reports of alfalfa weevil have been coming in pretty consistently for the last several weeks; we've now received reports as far north as Rockford. If you haven't already, it's a good idea to scout your alfalfa - look for defoliation (alfalfa weevil is the most likely culprit at this early stage) and confirm the continued presence of the small, green larvae before taking action. If you have a serious infestation and are in position to do so, consider cutting early to reduce the potential for further damage. Insecticide options are somewhat limited, and failures with lambda-cyhalothrin have been reported this spring.